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# CLOSE TO HOME

## Made in Manhattan

K-State graduates choose to stay closer to university

Sam Diederich

Forgive the "Wizard of Oz" reference, but when it comes to K-State graduates finding employment, there is no place like home.

A Career and Employment Services survey of 2010 K-State graduates found that 65 percent of the class found full-time employment in the state of Kansas. Only 57 percent of 2001 graduates chose to take a job in Kansas after school.

Kerri Day Keller, director of Career and Employment Services, said the trend of staying in state has been on the rise for several years.

We noticed a general trend in the last decade in terms of an increasing number of students staying in the state," Keller said. "Recent graduates of the past few years ideally would first choose to stay within 50 miles of [their] hometown or college town."

The reasons for staying in Kansas vary, Keller said, but a slim job market and recovering economy most certainly play a role.
"I think the trend can be attrib-

uted to a whole different number of things. One, graduates are keeping all options open, but they choose something closer to home in terms of being able to live at home," Keller said. "Also, I think a number of students just value staying closer to family and closer to home, and that is what our national survey information does indicate."



K-State graduate Brendan Praeger helps a student in his photojournalism class Friday afternoon at Manhattan High School. Praeger was hired as the Journalism teacher at Manhattan High following graduation.

Brendan Praeger, K-State graduate in journalism and mass communications, is currently employed at Manhattan High School as a journalism teacher. He said the decision to stay in Manhattan after college was a natural one.

graduated in December, and they had a job opening here and there weren't a lot of teaching jobs open at semester, so it made sense," Praeger said.

A convenient job offer was not the only incentive for Praeger to stay in

"At the time, Manhattan seemed like the job I wanted. I would have taken this job over anything else," Praeger said. "I know my way around Manhattan, I know what's here and I like the culture. When you are adjusting to paying your own bills and being in a career, it's just one less thing to adjust to."

Though K-State does not encourage graduates to stay in Kansas, Keller said students remaining in the state may help to fulfill the mission

of a land-grant university. "I think K-State, in

hoping that the state of Kansas will continue to support higher education, certainly wants to show how we are providing value to the state," Keller said. "Keeping talent in the state certainly matches up with some values of higher education."

Nevertheless, Keller said she hopes students will land jobs that are good for their careers, no matter

where the job is located. "I think ultimately, K-State wants

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## Elected members to take office

City Commission will elect mayor and mayor pro tempore

**Danny Davis** 

Newly elected city commissioners will be sworn in at tonight's city commission meeting. John Matta, Wynn Butler and Richard B. Jankovich received the most votes during the recent elec-

Following that, the new commission will elect a mayor and mayor pro tempore.

One of the first articles of legislation that the commission will review is a fireworks display license for the Manhattan Country Club. The club filed an application for a \$250 license so they can shoot off fireworks on the Fourth of July.

The commission will also review bids for two housing rehabilitation projects. The first program is located on 2417 Brook Lane. Funding for the program will come from a \$105,000 HOME Investment Partnerships Program Grant that the city received from the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation.

Another rehabilitation project will take place at 800 Ratone St. and will be funded by the Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program. The city has allocated \$181,000 for housing rehabilitation services.

According to the ordinance, applicants must meet certain income requirements and must own the units - not be renters. The programs are open to residents across the city with the exception of the Downtown Redevelopment project.

Rehabilitation costs for each unit are capped at \$25,000. This becomes a deferred loan with the possibility of it being forgiven over the course of three or five

The CDBG Program provides a zero percent interest loan when the project cost exceeds \$5,000. Half of the loan is forgiven on a prorated basis, according to the ordinance, but the resident must continue to occupy and own the property for five years after the project is finished.

Recipients of the CDBG funds must repay the second half of the loan in full when they are no longer owners or occupants of the property.

They can continue to occupy and own the rehabilitated prop-

erty without repaying the loan. The city commission meets at 7 p.m. in the City Commission Room of City Hall. The meeting is open to the public.

## President of KBA resigns, no reason disclosed

#### Company continues to experience uncertainty during financial audit, investigation

Sam Diederich news editor

The Kansas Bioscience Authority, in the midst of a financial audit and the subject of an ongoing investigation by a Johnson County prosecutor, is now searching for new lead-

Tom Thornton, the president and CEO of KBA, announced his resignation last Friday. The resignation was accepted by KBA's board of

directors, which includes John Carlin, former Kansas governor and visiting professor for the School of Leadership Studies.

Thornton's letter of resignation did not give a reason for the change, but did mention that Thornton may provide some assistance during the leadership transition. In a April 15 press release, KBA accepted Thornton's resignation and thanked him for his service.

"The state can be rightfully proud of the organization Tom helped build," the release stated. "Tom will remain in contact, which will be helpful to us in the transition process. We are grateful for his service and wish him well in his future endeavors."

David Vranicar, president of KBA's Heartland BioVentures division, will serve as the interim president and CEO. Vranicar has been with the company since 2009.

The Kansas Bioscience Authority was founded in 2004 to assist the state in acquiring bioscience research projects and facilities. The largest facility acquired by Thornton and KBA is the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility that is currently being constructed in Manhattan. The facility is a \$650 million project that is expected to have a significant financial impact on Manhattan and the state of Kansas.

Thornton's resignation comes only weeks after the Senate Commerce Committee requested the company's financial records for an audit. KBA executives, including Thornton and his wife, Lindsay, received substantial pay raises and bonuses during the

2010 fiscal year. According to an article in The Wichita Eagle, Com-merce Committee Chair-woman Susan Wagle of Wichita, who could not be reached for comment on Monday, called the raises "very flagrant in a time of need." However, in an interview last week with The Collegian, Wagle said that any investigation into KBA's financial practices would not

affect the construction of NBAF.

"The NBAF site has been approved by the feds and the site is not in jeopardy," Wagle said in an interview last Wednesday. "Senator [Sam] Brownback, along with the KBA and many other people, worked hard to achieve getting NBAF to Kansas."

Wagle's words were backed up by action. Last Thursday, Congress approved \$40 million in funding for the next phase of NBAF construction.

Thornton's successor remains to be seen. Vranicar is currently serving in an interim capacity, and KBA did not respond to interview requests on Monday.

## Wildcat Warrior cadets to receive rated aviation training

#### were selected for one of four career designations

**Tom Mannion** Air Force ROTC correspondent

In March, 13 K-State students were chosen from a highly competitive nationallevel selection board to attend rated aviation training in the

U.S. Air Force after graduation. The students are cadets in the university's Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps who will earn commissions as second lieutenants in the United States Air Force before entering formal flight training in 2012. The four rated aviation duty specialties are pilot, combat systems operator, air battle manager and remotely piloted aircraft operator.

Kathryn Blair, Air Force

Thirteen K-State students ROTC cadet and junior in geography, gave a rundown on the positions.

'The pilots will fly the aircraft, the combat systems officers will control the electronic, navigation and weapons systems and the air battle managers will command and control the air battle," Blair said.

The 13 cadets were selected for one of these career designations following two and a half years of leadership training, which included standardized testing, undergraduate and military studies, academic and physical evaluations, field training and a battery of psychomotor skills tests.

Unique from the Air Force Academy or Officer Training School, cadets in ROTC train to become second lieutenants at a public university during a period of four to five years. Cadets are expected to know the basics of leadership after completion of their second year

in the program. At that time, they attend field training, an intense four-week evaluation of leadership potential in the summer heat of Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

Field training is designed less to instruct and more to stress the cadets to their physical and mental limits. The training is designed to evaluate the officer candidates on their attitudes, reactions to stress and leadership in conditions of minimum sleep and maximum output.

Field training is the most fun that you never want to have again. You never do anything right. All you're thinking about is how hot it is and how hungry and tired you are," said Tyler Lohmann, Air Force ROTC cadet and senior in mechanical engineering. "On top of getting yelled at constantly by the staff, you have no freedom, no

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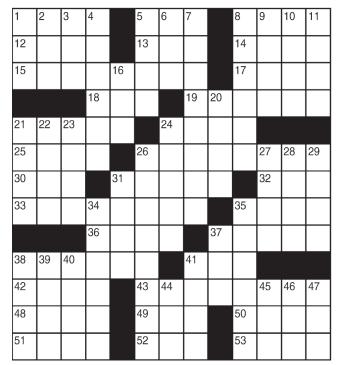
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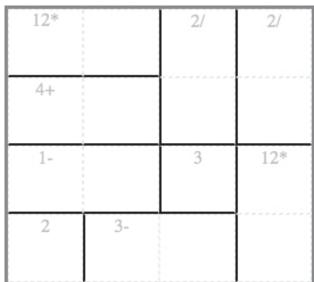
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## K-State women beat opponents, take first

#### Soccer club defeated Creighton to win at Ed **Chartrand tournament**

senior staff writer

The K-State women's club soccer team defeated Creighton 1-0 in the championship match to win the 32nd annual Ed Chartrand Memorial Tournament on Sunday at Memorial Stadium.

Junior Mindy Smith scored the lone goal.

"I was at the right place at the right time," Smith said. "I

was only about 10 yards away, but there was a girl on me. I had to stretch out and slide to get a touch. It was such a

Club president junior Kelsey White said this was the second year in a row that the women's team won the championship and this is their only competition this spring.
Smith said she felt her team

deserved the win.

"We have a solid group of girls who work hard," Smith said. "We get along great and play really well together. It's really special to be able to win two years in a row at our own

The K-State men's club team was not as lucky as the women. They were tied at 1 with Oklahoma at the end of regulation but ultimately lost on penalty kicks. Oklahoma had beaten K-State the previous day, 4-1.

The loss marked the second straight year the men's team lost in the championship, as they fell to Kansas on penalty kicks in 2010.

The Ed Chartrand Memorial Tournament honors the life of Ed "Fast Eddy" Chartrand. Chartrand, a Leawood, Kan., native, played for K-State from 1974-1978 and collapsed and died of unknown causes at the age of 22 according to the soccer club's website.

Chartrand's brother, Art, was able to make an appearance along with his wife and children. Christianne E. Chartrand, Ed's mother, also made a brief appearance at this year's festivities.

The Chartrand Foundation and Tournament is really special to us and we love getting to be apart of it," Smith said.

Richie Martell, sophomore majoring in advertising, received this year's scholarship, which was presented to him by Art Chartrand.

## Students learn about future of film industry

#### Alumni speak to **K-Staters about** future in film

**Austin Enns** coverage editor

The film industry is synonymous with the bright lights and big city that come with the glamour of Hollywood. Actors, actresses and directors are household names, and yearly awards shows honor the best films of the year.

This stereotype can be intimidating for people looking to enter the industry, but Ryan Bruce, graduate student in English, and Bret Palmer, a former K-State student, spoke in Nichols Hall to a group of students about their experience starting a creative production company, Element 35.

Bruce and Palmer are coartisic directors of Element 35, and are currently living in Manhattan and Kansas City respectively while trying to start their

'If you want to make a film in Kansas it's so much more accessible here, I can just go to a bar and after 30 minutes the owner will be like 'yeah, you can use this place, whereas in Chicago I'd have to get a permit and bribe somebody," Palmer said.

The company's focus is currently split between films and photography, but the pair said they want to grow the film aspect, and their goal is to create a feature length film.

At any given time, Element 35 is working on several different short film projects, and Bruce said he and Palmer pick projects based on how the short films contribute to their skill set necessary for the feature length

Bruce said they mainly use K-State alumni and students for the films, but if more actors are necessary they use their relationship with K-Staters to recruit other actors.

"When we started filming, people came out of the wood work and said, 'you're filming?"

Bruce said. The presentation was geared toward showing students that working in film is a real possibility, and students need to utilize their resources and net-

Some of the clips shown to the audience were filmed with an iPhone.

"The technology is so accessible now, some of it is in your cellphones," Palmer said.

Bruce echoed Palmer's message of attainability and held up one of the cameras they brought as an example.

"All the technology is out there," Bruce said. "Parts of Black Swan were filmed on this exact same camera." Palmer and Bruce met at K-

State, and said a theater major was a positive for potential directors and producers because theater teaches students how to write a good story.

Neither Palmer or Bruce have been to film school, but Palmer said they have made enough money so far to cover expenses and to upgrade equipment.

"It helps to have a solid website," Palmer said. "People don't know our backgrounds, we're theater people; if they like the work they contact us and we just say 'we're professionals' with some fervency.

Nahshon Ruffin, junior in theater, said she enjoyed the presentation.

"I'm in theater, a lot of people don't think there is any future in theater, but there is if you're passionate," Ruffin said.



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Richie Martell, sophomore, goes up for a header against Truman State Sunday morning in Memorial Stadium.



Devan Mathews, sophomore, jumps over a Truman State player Sunday morning at Memorial Stadium.



Alex McKee, graduate student, heads the soccer ball forward against Truman State Sunday in Memorial Stadium. The Cats tied Truman 1-1.

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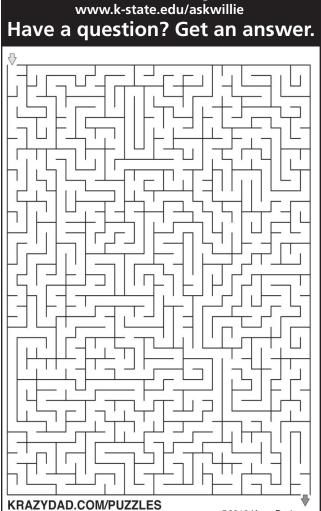
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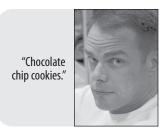
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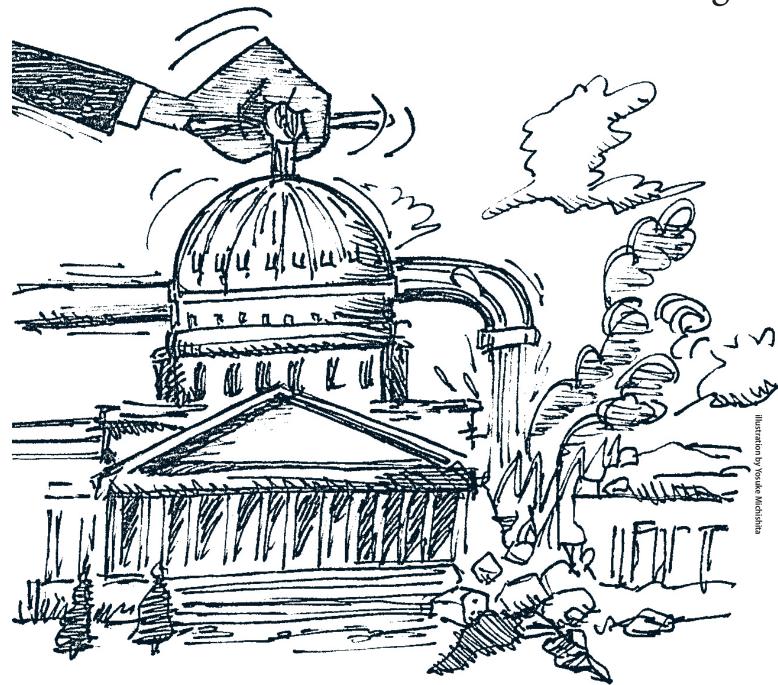
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# **SELF SERVING**

American's self-centeredness leads to fracking





individualism, liberty and freedom, and those are a large part of what makes this country great. But only a part. Another large part of what makes America such a great place is the sense of community, camaraderie and patriotism that allows us all to work together. Recently, however, I've seen a worrying trend towards individualism and away from community.

The trend toward individualism is best embodied by the Tea Party. This movement and its close counterparts in the Republican Party have set out over the past few years to attack the federal government on many levels, especially regulation of the financial and energy sectors. These moves are little more than companies and individuals seeking a profit at the expense of everyone

To illustrate, let's look at a recent hot-button issue: hydraulic fracturing, more commonly known as fracking. Fracking is a process that "involves blasting water, sand and chemicals, many of them toxic, into underground rock to extract oil or gas," according to a June 18, 2010, Los Angeles Times article. The process has become increasing popular over the last few years as landowners realize they can make lots of money by allowing gas companies to drill on their property.

The practice is often used in areas like Texas, Pennsylvania and New York, where large underground shale deposits hold massive amounts of natural gas which can be easily exploited by fracking. It has come under scrutiny though because of its fairly obvious effects on the environment and the people living near the drilling sites.

A recent report by Congressional Democrats did nothing to assuage the fears of environmentalists and others afraid of the damages done by fracking. According to a New York Times article published on April 16 about the Congressional investigation, "more than 650 of

these products [used in hydraulic fracturing] contained chemicals that are known or possible human carcinogens, regulated under the Safe Drinking Water Act, or are listed as hazardous air pollutants, the report said." The companies extracting gas in

this way have pumped hundreds of millions of gallons of these carcinogenic chemicals as wel lead into the ground. The problem is that those products don't just stay put; they seep into the nearby groundwater, where much of America gets its drinking water as well as water for irrigation. That's right, these companies are pumping cancer-causing chemicals and other dangerous products right into our drinking water.

Another dramatic example of the harmful effects of fracking was shown in the 2010 HBO documentary "Gasland," where a man living near a fracking site could light his tap water on fire because of the chemicals being pumped into the groundwater. Water isn't supposed to catch fire. That can't be healthy.

Despite the obvious dangers of fracking, the process continues to grow in use around the country.

Even President Barack Obama has come out in support of shale gas and, by extension, fracking. The solution to this problem is simple: place a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing until we can find a way to prevent its harmful side effects and if that fails, stop the process altogether.

But far too many people are too lf-centered to look at the big pic ture and realize that fracking is bad for us as a whole. Instead, they see profits and big bucks in the short term without seeing the long term effects of cancer, lead poisoning and flammable water.

While there's nothing wrong with a little self-interestedness, without a sense of community to temper it, we end up with problems like fracking. Patriotism is more than just "the land of the free and the home of the brave," it's a sense of camaraderie and togetherness; a sense that no one benefits when people are put in danger so that a few can make a little money.

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## Data shows importance of animal products in diet



Our canine teeth, used to tear into meat, have been bequeathed to us by a thousand generations of evolutionarily successful ancestors. We possess them because humans who didn't tended to die more than humans who did.

A July 2, 2009, analysis in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition examined nine studies of bone material density. It found that those with a balanced, omnivorous diet had stronger, denser bones than vegetarians.

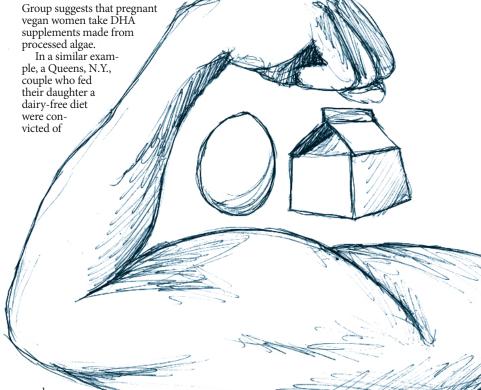
Informed vegetarians, however, can easily obtain the same nutrients as omnivores. The same cannot be said of vegans, who consume no animal products of any kind, leaving little margin for error. Vegans must take regular supplements of B12 — found almost exclusively in animal products — lest they seriously increase their risk of a hemoglobin deficiency. According to the National Library of Medicine, "nonanimal sources of vitamin B12 exist," but are "unreliable sources of the vitamin."

A long list of infant deaths have been attributed to strict diets imposed by vegan parents. Many of these deaths have been caused by flagrant neglect extending far beyond

veganism. In the 2007 Crown Shakur case, for example, a 6-week-old infant fed mainly soy milk and apple juice weighed only 3.5 pounds, according to a May 9, 2007, KSBW.com article. In 2005, a Miami couple was cleared of aggravated manslaughter after feeding their daughter only wheat grass, coconut water and crushed almonds. The infant weighed less than 7 pounds when she died and was described as "emaciated" in a medical report, according to a November 8, 2005, CNN article.

In some cases, however, otherwise loving parents have inadvertently killed (or nearly killed) their children by refusing to provide them with animal products. In 2001, a British judge gave a light sentence to two parents, described as "loving but misguided," after their infant daughter died of a chest infection brought on by malnutrition. According to a September 14, 2001, BBC article, the couple, who mandated time in the sunlight for their daughter to provide her with vitamin D, ate a diet of vegetables, fruits and nuts. The infant's mother had previously been warned by a pediatrician that, as a vegan, her breast milk was "nutritionally deficient."

According to a May 21, 2007, New York Times column by Nina Planck, several studies have shown vegan breast milk lacks DHA, an omega-3 fat vital for brain and eye development. The Vegetarian Resource



nearly killing her in 2003; the baby had developed several rickets, or bone weaknesses caused by malnutrition. Doctors suspect that the daughter now has lasting neurological damage, according to an April 5, 2003, New York Times article.

In 2007, after studying don't provide enough. more than 35,000 participants over the course of five years, Oxford researchers found that vegans are 30 percent more likely to break a bone than

illustration by Caitlin Wetherilt non-vegans. They concluded that "the higher fracture risk in the vegans appeared to be a consequence of their considerably lower mean calcium intake." Tofu and other vegan sources of calcium apparently

Traditional vegetarian diets, like that of conservative Hindus and Jains, invariably include dairy products. Even Gandhi drank goat milk. It's no

coincidence that not a single vegan society exists on the face of the earth. While especially careful

vegans may be just as healthy as anyone else, a diet that includes animal products is generally healthier.

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## International Week ends with a dance

Students dance the night away

Balasubramanyn Meenakshisundaram staff writer

Popular dance numbers and strobe lights filled the International Student Center on Friday as many students both local and international put on their dancing shoes and showed their moves at the International Dance Night. This event was an important part of the festivities of the International Week 2011 organized by the International Coordinating Council

The International Dance Night is perhaps the most popular event of the International Week celebrations.

"It has been going on for three years now. I created it," said Sarinya Sungkatavat, graduate student in human ecology and the graduate assistant at the International Students and Scholars Services.

International week started 14 years ago with four events and then was upgraded to include nine events according to Sungkatavat.

The night started with an important reception where the ICC recognized eight international students with their annual scholarships for outstanding academic records and good community service

"I applied about 2 months ago," said Omurzakov Bakyt, graduate student in international relations from the Kyrgyz Republic who was one of the eight recipients of this year's Scholarships.

The scholarship is awarded to people who satisfy various requirements which include a strong academic track record along with other extra-curricular activities according to Bakyt.

"I was part of the committee that organized this year's International Fashion Show that took place on Tuesday," he said.

Bakyt also modeled in the same event wearing traditional attire from his country.

After the reception for the winners, the hall was converted into a makeshift dance floor with flashing lights and thumping music by DJ Allen who is the resident DJ at the Cat Tracks Grill & Pub and

Tanmay Varma a student leader of the International Buddies Program here at K-State.

The music varied from popular recent dance numbers on the radio to music in different languages including French

"The DJ was good. We had a lot of international songs," said Karthick Gundimeda, graduate student in computer science and vice president of ICC.

Such dance events help students from different countries build healthy bonds of friendship and understanding according to Jeremiah Tate Palmer freshman in apparel marketing.

"I like the vibe," he said. He

also added there need to be more events like this.

According to Palmer events such as the International Dance Night give native students a chance to mingle with a variety of international students and learn about their cultures.

"A lot of people come from little towns especially in Kansas," he said.

Many international students experienced their first ever dance night on Friday.

"It is good. This is my first time," said Bettina Moncayo, freshman in chemical engineering from Philippines. "The last hour was great although there were not many people still dancing," said Ranganath Nandanampati freshman in computer science.

The overall response to the event was very positive.

"It was amazing. I had a blast," said Lucy Nolla, junior in elementary education.

Brent Mackry, sophomore in construction science, gave it a nine out of 10 saying there is always room for improvement.

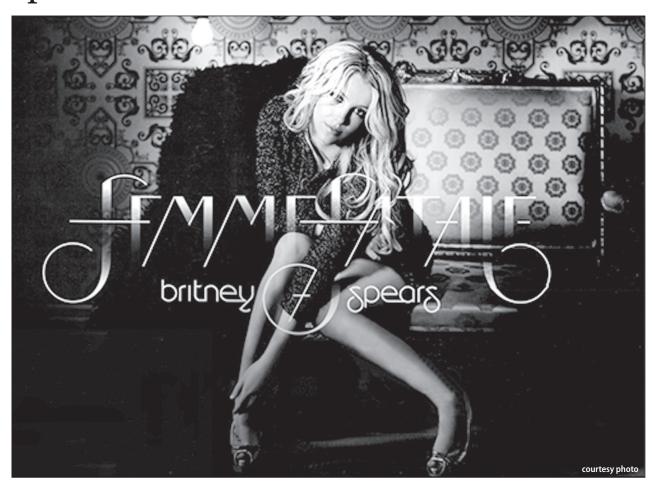
The turnout was a tad less than what one would expect at such an event. This was attributed to the cold weather on that day.

"That (the cold weather) was a very big hurdle," said Gundimeda. "The turnout was good in the beginning" he added.

According to Gundimeda it was still a decent turnout and a fun time as the International Week is coming to a close this Sunday with the last event which is the International Talent Show.

"We had more fun towards the end of the week," he said.

## Spears' dance album a hit



"Femme Fatale"

★★★☆

review by Kelsey Castanon

With pop songs like "Hold it Against Me" and "Till the World Ends" already topping the charts, it isn't exactly a surprise that Britney Spears' seventh album "Femme Fatale" shot to No. 1 on iTunes within a week of its release.

"Femme Fatale" truly delivers a handful of high-energy, hit-the-dance-floor songs. Credit for the electronic pop album should go to such producers as Dr. Luke, Max Martin and Bloodshy, who truly must have worked diligently to put out this masterpiece of dance hits. I say that because, in all honesty, there is so much going on that it must have taken a lot of work. Each song is daringly crafted by distortion and mash-ups, creating the most poisonous addiction to

listen to.

The lyrics, though admittedly juvenile and often off-putting, are infectious. Almost all tracks reek of sexual innuendo, but with the beats, it sometimes works. Even the catchiest song of the album, "I Wanna Go," is drenched in lust. The title spews electricity from the moment the song starts, with phrases such as, "I wanna go all the way taking out my freak tonight — I wanna show all the dirt I got running through my mind."

But the synthesizing and blending of each tune has given Spears the creative ability to experiment with different sounds. "Femme Fatale's" sound is similar to the musical experimentation of another recent album by Spears — her fifth, titled "Blackout." Spears reverts back to the cutting-edge electro-type sound like in "Piece of Me" and "Toy Soldier," but "Femme Fatale" takes it a step further.

Many songs, such as "Till the World Ends" and "Drop Dead Beautiful," were produced by production company Billboard, the same industry that produced Ke\$ha's EP "Ćannibal." In fact, Ke\$ha helped write the chart-topping favorite "Till the World Ends," one of my personal favorites. Similar to Ke\$ha's music, "Femme Fatale" definitely has that inyour-face type party feel to it. Given her legendary status, Spears has had much room for experimentation. After

to push the boundaries.

But a true vocal artist can only go so far with the experimentation. On "Femme Fatale," Spears' voice is almost unrecognizable. In today's day and age, every pop artist — even other artists, like rap and R&B — seems to be turning to the everpopular auto-tune. It's all the same with "Femme Fatale." With digitally sifted rhythms and electronic beats comes a

all, she has always been one

highly auto-tuned vocal performance, almost to the point where you couldn't hear

Spears' voice if you tried.

But there is one track on the album that shows off
Spears' voice she has tried so hard to cover up: "He's About to Lose Me." If there was any auto-tuning in that song, you wouldn't be able to tell.
Spears takes the high-level of energy from previous tracks down a notch in this ballad. And in all honesty, it's not

In all, "Femme Fatale" has proven to have be a power-house of a dance album to be used for nightclubs, work out tunes or even a break from homework. The daring nature is inviting, and, while it might be tempting to resist the power of Britney, it will undeniably get some fists pumping.

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# **FALLING SHORT**



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Freshman pitcher **Blake Freeman** scans the field while clutching a ball on during the game against Wichita State April 14 at Tointon Family Stadium.

### Huskers defeat Wildcats in series with two wins

Sean Frye junior staff writer

A walk-off single from Nebraska's Kash Kalkowski in the bottom of the ninth inning gave the Corhuskers the run they needed to edge out the K-State base-ball team 5-4 in Lincoln. The win gave the Cornhuskers a 2-1 series victory over the Wildcats and kept with the trend of close games between the two teams.

The day after losing his on-base streak of 93 games, Nick Martini had three RBIs, two coming off of his first home run of the year. His two run homer put K-State up 2-1 in the third inning. "I was just trying to put the ball in play to win the game," Kalkowski said. "K-State is a good ball club so it was excellent to finally get a series win over

In the bottom half of the third inning, the Cornhuskers responded with a two-RBI blast of their own from Cody Asche, his Big 12 Conference leading tenth home run of the year. Asche also leads the Big 12 with 20

"The K-State pitchers were doing really well this weekend," Asche said. "Luckily I got a pitch up there and put a good swing on it. They really put some work on me this weekend though. But we needed a series win like this."

In the bottom of the sixth inning, the Cornhuskers threatened to blow the game wide open, as they scored a run off an error from Wild-



Junior **Kayvon Bahramzadeh** pitches during the game against Wichita State at Tointon Family Stadium.

cat pitcher Shane Conlon to put the score at 4-2, then proceeded to load the bases. The Wildcats brought in reliever Evan Marshall and he prevented the Cornhuskers from scoring any more runs

in the inning.
"It should have been a momentum swing after we got out of that inning," said

K-State head coach Brad Hill. "Hopefully we'll understand that at some point in time."

the Wildcats After fell behind 4-2 and were blanked for four straight innings, they began to claw their way back in the eighth inning off an RBI-single to left field from Martini.

They then tied the game in the ninth inning off an infield single from shortstop Tanner Witt that allowed Ryan Moore to cross the plate and tie the game at

However, in the bottom of the ninth inning, Evan Marshall began to falter in his third inning of work,

as he allowed Michael Pritchard and Kale Kiser to reach second and first base respectively with no outs. The Wildcats went to the bullpen and brought in star closer James Allen. On the ensuing at-bat, Bryan Peters put down a bunt single that loaded the bases. Asche flied out in foul territory on the next at-bat, but then Kalkowski came in to close the door with an RBI-single that went past Witt, who was playing shallow. "It's really tough to put Allen in that spot, especially with the bunt getting down, Hill said. "It was going to be a lucky thing to get out of right there in that situation, hopefully they hit a ball right at somebody to get a double play. It was pretty close, pretty even matched and it was about who got the best at-bats at the right

With the loss, K-State falls to 5-10 in the Big 12 and 20-15 overall. The Cornhuskers improved their record to 24-14, with a 5-7 mark in Big 12 play. The Wildcats return

home today to kick-off a four game home stand. They will face the Missouri State Bears in a single game today, then will have a three-game series with the Texas Tech Red Raiders starting on Thursday.

"We have to flip over those one-run games and continue to try to get better," Hill said. "That's what we're working at and working on improving. We're going to keep trying to do that this weekend."

## Wichita's head coach goes on tirade



On Wednesday of last week, the K-State baseball team defeated the Wichita State Shockers by a score of 5-2 after overcoming an early 2-0 deficit. With the win, the Wildcats improved their record in a big win against their rivals.

Arguably the biggest news from the game came from something that did not happen on the field of play. During the interviews with the media following the game, Wichita State head coach Gene Stephenson unleashed a nearly four minute long tirade about how disgusted he was with his team.

I was disappointed with how he handled himself and how he represented his team

following a tough loss.
"We just don't have any competitors," Stephenson said. "We don't have any tough guys, we don't have any guys that will compete with the game on the line. We make a couple of errors on routine, just routine balls. I'm just tired of watching what we do. It's just pathetic and just keeps amounting to worse and worse because we have guys that for whatever reason will not respond to what we are doing as coaches. I thought that Mc-Greevy deserved better than what he received," Stephenson said.

I don't believe it is appropriate for a coach to call his team out like that. It is demoralizing to his players to read in the paper that their head coach believes they are a group of non-competing losers. Also, calling out players who did not play well that night is also uncalled for in my book. It is a team effort and he is singling people out.

"I'm at my wits end. These people will not respond under any circumstances. We're not responding very well to anything. We had a great start and had a chance to add on and compete at the plate, but we didn't do it."

Stephenson is blaming the players for their struggles and not taking any of the responsibility himself. K-State head baseball coach Brad Hill always says "we" when talking about the team's weak points. A team is a collective effort between the coaches and the players, and the successes and failures are the responsibility of both parties.

"Look, I'm frustrated with the lack of mental toughness with a lot of young men in our program right now. I'm frustrated with the lack of competitiveness against people who have a little bit of ability to play. Kansas State has some talent. I'm proud of some guys, disappointed in others, and overall very disappointed

in our team," Stephenson said. Stephenson walked away from the media toward his team to give them a now rehearsed version of the speech. The Shockers did miss opportunities in the game and also had two errors. However, the hate speech about his team that Stephenson gave after the loss was unacceptable.

The Shockers are a perennial baseball school and he has been the head coach there for a whopping 33 years. For him to basically lie down and blame his players for their failures on the field is not indicative of a well-rounded head coach. A head coach is supposed to be a mentor to his or her players.

The head coach is supposed to protect his players from negativity in the media as much as possible. If a player from Wichita State, particularly the catcher or the two pitchers he mentions specifically in his rant, picks up a paper and reads about how bad his team is, would that really motivate him to perform more effectively? I think it would show that his head coach has given up on the team. If I were a player reading about how my head coach said all that, my first reaction would be to give up as well.

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## Wildcats stage comeback with lineup changes

**Danny Davis** 

senior staff writer

With help from the bottom of the lineup, the No. 41 K-State women's tennis team pulled off a comeback win against Oklahoma State at DeBois Tennis Complex in Stillwater, Okla., on Sunday. It was the second Oklahoma team the Wildcats faced over the weekend, as they lost to No. 21 Oklahoma on Friday.

The Wildcats fell behind 3-1 early in the match against Oklahoma State when they lost the doubles point and first singles match.

Statistically, the top half of K-State's lineup and the doubles teams have led the Wildcats to plenty of victories this season. For this match, however, the bottom half of the lineup propelled K-State to victory, capturing two of three possible wins.

"They came through for us today," said head coach Steve Bietau. "Nina Sertic played a good match and got a solid win and Carmen Borau Ramos was abe to clinch the match with her three-

set win at No. 6." Both players helped the Wildcats after senior Antea Huljev fell to an

injury in the April 10 match against No. 73 Missouri. Huljev, K-State's only senior, tore

"The bottom line is, we're just not playing good doubles right now."

> Steve Bietau **Head Coach**

her ACL during the doubles match on that Sunday following her Senior Day ceremony. She had played at the No. 3 position. With Huljev out for the season, Borau Ramos was rotated

into the lineup at No. 6. Borau Ramos ended a four-match losing streak with her singles win over the Cowgirls' Sarah Meghoufel.

"I think she dealt with the conditions pretty well," Bietau said. "The biggest thing was just stepping up when we needed it."

No. 53 freshman Petra Niedermayerova continued her success this weekend by adding two wins to her record. Niedermayerova leads the Big 12 in singles wins at the No. 1 lineup position with an 8-2 record. For the spring, she is 17-3 and holds a 22-9 career

That record ties her for second-most wins by a fix tory. "Her a freshman in school his-

performance this spring has been truly impressive in so many ways," Bietau said. "I'm glad she's a part of our program because of what she brings to the team, not just wins, but how she handles herself on and off the court. She's a great asset."

The Wildcats will end their regular season on Saturday at the University of Kansas. The following week, they begin play in the Big 12 Championships in Waco, Texas.

Bietau said the team could improve in a number of areas, including their doubles play. He said the doubles play was getting sorted out, but the loss of Huljev has required them to readjust

Notably, Petra Chuda was paired with sophomore Karla Bonacic. K-State won only two doubles matches between both matches over the weekend.

"The bottom line is, we're just not playing good doubles right now, Bietau said.

## Rowing team claims gold at Southern Championship

Sean Frye junior staff writer

The K-State rowing team continued to make strides at the Southern Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championship Regatta this weekend at Melton Lake in Oak Ridge, Tenn. The 1st Novice 8 boat grabbed first place overall, while the 1st Varsity 8 shaved ten seconds off their time from two weeks ago.

"Our team is in very good shape," Wildcats' head coach Patrick Sweeney said. "We are still progressing and improving and it came out this weekend."

The 1st Novice 8 boat was the most successful of the four boats the Wildcats competed with at the SIRA's. They won their initial heat with a time of 6:45.50, almost 12 seconds better than the second place team. In the final race, they took a commanding lead in the first half of the race, then held off a surging Purdue Boilermakers' crew to grab the gold with a time of 7:02.10. "It was really nice to see the youngsters win," Sweeney said. "You always want to see the youngsters win because they are the future of our program. We are always trying to build for our future, and they did really well so I'm proud of them."

The top Wildcat boat, the 1st Varsity 8, finished in third place in their final race, finishing behind the Alabama Crimson Tide and the Tulsa Golden Hurricane, the same two teams that beat them in San Diego two weeks ago. The Crimson Tide won by a mere two seconds, while the Golden Hurricane squeaked past the Wildcats by a nose.

"Disappointment isn't the right word, but it's always tough because you want to win," Sweeney said. "Even though the result was the same from San Diego, they rowed a lot better. We are still getting faster, while I feel like the other teams can't get faster as the year progresses because they have been on the water for a while."

Alabama and Tulsa also defeated the 1st Varsity 4 and the 2nd Varsity 8 boats on the weekend as well. The 1st Varsity 4 boat had its best showing of the spring season, as they won their preliminary heat with a time of 7:21.40, then finished third in the finals with a time of 7:50.26.

The 2nd Varsity 8 boat performed well during the first 500 meters of the race, but then faltered in the third 500 meter part of the race, allowing the Crimson Tide, Golden Hurricane and Boilermakers to finish ahead of the Wildcats, who finished with a time

The theme of the weekend at the SIRA's for the Wildcats seemed to be that the talent level was there to win the events, but that technical mistakes were ultimately their demise.

"Technically, we're really not where I would like to be, Sweeney said. "We made a lot of mistakes this weekend. You know it's not the worst I've ever seen; it's not like that. But still, I would like our girls to be a little further along technically than where they are right now." The Wildcats have the full week to prepare

before they head to Kansas City, Kan. to face the Kansas Jayhawks in the Kansas Cup. In the fall, the Wildcats beat the Jayhawks in the annual Sunflower Showdown Regatta. However, the mindset will be different for the Wildcats in the spring. "We are still looking to get better," Sweeney said. "We want to take about five seconds off our time. Now I don't expect that to happen all at once this weekend. We may take off about a second. But when it's all said and done, I think we can take about five seconds

After the Kansas Cup, the Wildcats only have two regattas remaining on their schedule, as they have the Big 12 and Conference-USA championships on April 30 and May 14 respectively.

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## AIR FORCE | Must fill 502 pilot slots

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relaxation time and no time off. It wears you down men-

Upon successful completion of field training, the cadets return to their AFROTC unit and apply for their desired jobs as future officers in the Air Force. Cadets applying for rated positions begin the process with an official memorandum to the Detachment Commander, followed by a battery of psychomotor skills testing, known as the Test of Basic Aviation Skills.

The TBAS consists of handeye coordination and memory testing. In addition to assessing coordination and memory, this test also tries the cadets' confidence and patience.

"The TBAS makes their brains turn to mush," said Captain Nathan Kaiser, former commandant of cadets.

In addition to being successful officer candidates in AFROTC, these cadets also had to perform as well-rounded members of the community. They actively participated in many positive and meaningful community service projects, as well as in numerous extracurricular activities.

When a snapshot evaluation was made after two and a half years, these cadets were ranked within their class and then ranked again to compete with officer candidates from 144 Air Force ROTC detachments across the nation.

For fiscal year 2012, the Air Force required candidates to fill 502 pilot slots, 176 combat systems operator slots, 67 air battle manager slots and 40 remotely piloted aircraft slots.

'Selection for any one of the four rated aviation career fields is an honor," said Lt. Col. Ed Meyer, commander of Air Force ROTC Detachment 270. "The competition is extremely tough. Over 1,400 competed from across the nation and just 55 percent were chosen.

K-State's 13 Wildcat Warrior cadets should, justifiably, feel proud of their selection."

Having been selected for rated positions, chosen cadets must now receive Department of Defense flight physicals through a rigorous two-day physical examination at either Wright-Patterson AFB in Ohio or McConnell AFB in Kansas.

They will also apply for a top-secret security clearance in a process which includes a thorough 180-day investigation into their financial, legal and social lives. This investigation screens the accountability, intentions and maturity of the applicant in order to ensure national security.

Once commissioned as second lieutenants, these cadets will attend specialized training for their respective career fields. From the beginning of officer training to their first operational flight, the selected individuals' education and training lasts approximately six years.

## **GRADUATES** | Some stay for school



Brendan Praeger moves a stack of Manhattan High Mentor newspapers Friday afternoon in his classroom at Manhattan High. Praeger also teaches the newspaper and yearbook classes.

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students to be able to make decisions that are good for their circumstances," Keller said. "With students coming out of school with student loans and financial commitments, I think they are looking for a way to manage that financially, and I can see how that would be part of the attraction to staying close to home."

In addition to being the director at CES, Keller is currently completing a doctorate in counseling and student development. True to the survey's statistics, she plans on staying in Kansas

after completing her post-graduate degree.

"This is home for me," Keller said. "I really value that at this point in my career. I like a community like Manhattan, and I value being close to my family in this area. I value being here in the Flint Hills."

#### **Employment or Education**

The CES survey also provided some insight into the post-graduation choices of K-State students. According to the survey, 89 percent of the 2010 graduating class are currently employed or working towards furthering their education. That number is unchanged from the 2009 graduating class totals, but down from the expected aver-

"Typically we are around 91 percent, but I don't think that's very surprising given the job market the last couple years," Keller said. "Statistically, K-State graduates go on to successfully land employment or go to graduate school, and I think that's a combination of their education and relevant work experience, their leadership experience, and generally speaking, K-State graduates have a work ethic that makes them very attractive for most employers.

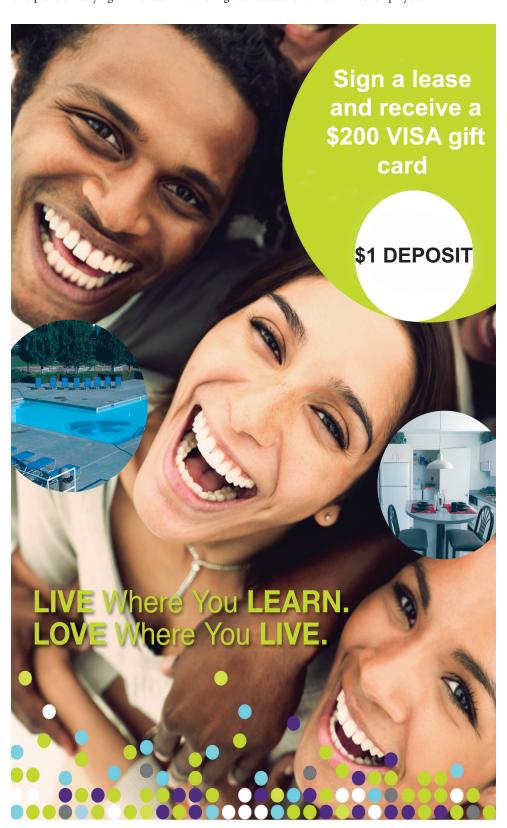




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